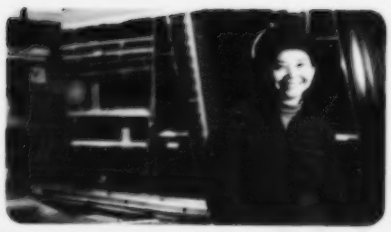
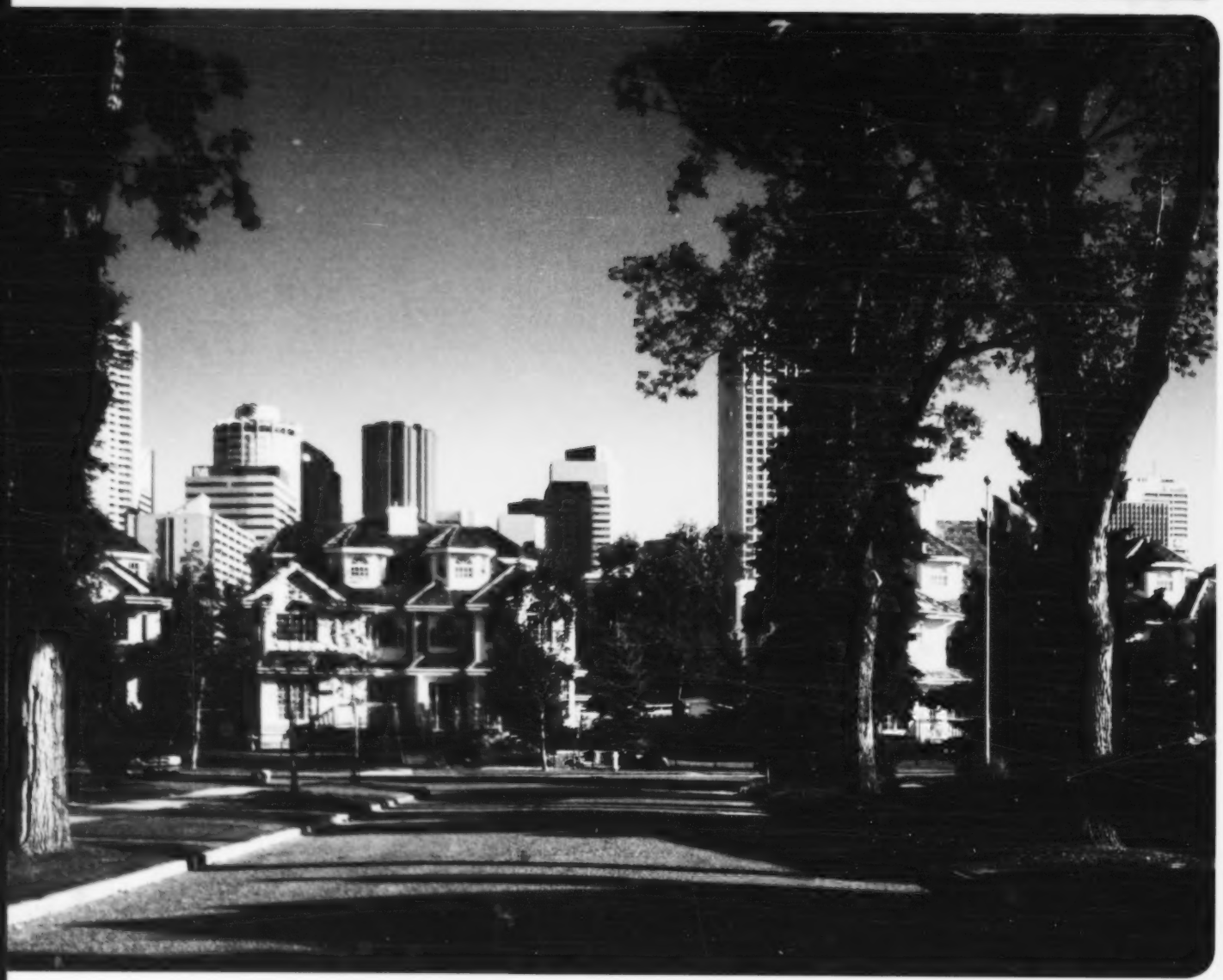
# Alberta Immigrant Nominee Program

Building Alberta's permanent labour force





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# Overview

Alberta is in the midst of the strongest period of economic growth ever recorded by a Canadian province, resulting in a shortage of workers and professionals across the province.

Alberta employers are now searching for and employing foreign workers to meet their labour needs. At the same time, foreign workers are looking at Alberta as a place of opportunity – a place where they want to stay permanently to live and work.

The Alberta Immigrant Nominee Program (AINP) can assist Alberta employers in recruiting and retaining foreign workers and can help foreign workers and their families make Alberta their permanent home.

## Alberta Immigrant Nominee Program (AINP)

The AINP is an immigration program operated on behalf of the Government of Alberta with Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) to fast-track the processing of an application for permanent residence.

Individuals nominated by the province of Alberta, together with their spouse/common-law partner and dependent children, are eligible to apply for permanent residence through CIC. The processing of a provincial nominee's application for permanent residence through CIC is generally faster than other immigration classes.

Nominated individuals may obtain their permanent residence in an average of six to 18 months.

## Alberta Foreign Worker Hotline

**Hours** Monday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (MST)
**Phone** Toll-free within Alberta: 1.877.427-6419
Outside Alberta: 780.427-6419

**Please Note:** The telephone hotline is available in English only.

## Alberta Immigrant Nominee Program

**www.AlbertaCanada.com/ainp**

Request for information form
**www.AlbertaCanada.com/contactAINP**

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## Employer Driven

The following categories require an Alberta employer and a foreign worker to apply to the AINP.

Below is the general criteria for the Skilled Worker, International Student and Semi-Skilled Worker categories. Visit the AINP website for a full list of criteria and how to apply.

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**Skilled Worker Category**
Includes occupations under the National Occupational Classification (NOC) skill levels 0, A or B.

GENERAL CRITERIA:

- Candidate has accepted an offer of permanent, full-time employment from an Alberta employer.
- Candidate must be able to provide evidence to demonstrate that he/she meets the required qualifications for the job (education and experience).

**International Student Category**
Includes occupations under the NOC skill levels 0, A or B.

GENERAL CRITERIA:

- Candidate has accepted an offer of permanent, full-time employment from an Alberta employer.
- Candidate has graduated from an eligible post-secondary institution in Canada.
- Candidate has a Post-Graduation Work Permit.

**Semi-Skilled Worker Category**
Includes selected occupations under the NOC skill levels C and D.

GENERAL CRITERIA:

- Employer has a Labour Market Opinion (LMO).
- Employer must assist candidate with accommodations and settlement.
- Candidate has accepted an offer of permanent, full-time employment from an Alberta employer.
- Candidate has a Temporary Foreign Work Permit.
- Candidate must meet all criteria for selected occupations.

**USEFUL WEBSITES**

To find out where an occupation fits under the NOC, visit
**www5.hrsdc.gc.ca/NOC-CNP/app/index.aspx?lc=e**

## Family

This option can help Alberta families who wish to encourage family members to immigrate to the province and work. Candidates have the opportunity to build a career and life in the province and Alberta families provide support and guidance for successful settlement.

GENERAL CRITERIA:

**Sponsor must be:**

- A Canadian citizen or permanent resident for the past two years.
- Living in Alberta for the past two years.
- Able to demonstrate the ability to support the candidate by showing a regular source of income or assets.
- Committed to supporting the candidate and their immediate family for two years.
- At least 21 years of age.

**Candidate must be:**

- Related to the sponsor as a parent, child, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, niece or nephew by birth or legal adoption.
- 21 to 45 years of age when application is submitted.
- A graduate with a post-secondary degree, diploma or cerificate of at least one year in duration.
- Able to demonstrate at least three years of full-time work or post-secondary experience (or combination) in the past four years.
- Proficient in English or French at a basic level.
- Able to support him or herself and accompanying dependents by showing a minimum amount of available funds.
- Some of these requirements must also be met by the candidate's spouse/ common-law partner, if applicable.

## Self-Employed Farmer

This option is designed to assist farm owners/operators with proven management skills and significant financial resources to develop a farming business in Alberta. Under the self-employed farmer stream of AINP, the province can nominate farm owners/operators who intend to immigrate, purchase and manage a farming business in Alberta.

For complete criteria and how to apply visit
**www.AlbertaCanada.com/ainp**

# AINP Process

## Employer Driven

Alberta employer has offered foreign worker a permanent, full-time job.

Alberta employer and candidate review eligibility criteria and determine appropriate AINP category to apply under:
Skilled Worker Category
International Student Category
Semi-Skilled Worker Category

Alberta employer and candidate fill out appropriate forms and submit all supporting documents for chosen category. Forms and checklists are found on the AINP website.

All forms and supporting documents are mailed to the AINP for assessment. There is no application fee when submitting documents to the AINP for review.

## Family

Albertan decides to sponsor family member for permanent residence.

Albertan (sponsor) and candidate review eligibility criteria on the AINP website.

If sponsor and family member (candidate) meet all eligibilty criteria, sponsor and candidate fill out appropriate forms and submit all supporting documents to the AINP. Forms and checklists are found on the AINP website.

All forms and supporting documents are mailed to the AINP for assessment. There is no application fee when submitting documents to the AINP for review.

AINP reviews completed application and supporting documents.

If AINP approves the application, the candidate becomes a provincial nominee. AINP will advise the nominee on how to proceed with the permanent residence application to CIC.

Nominee submits permanent residence application to CIC along with supporting documents.

CIC conducts health, criminal and security checks.

If all admissibility checks are met, the nominee will receive permanent residence in approximately six to 18 months.

For a complete guide of the step-by-step process and eligibility visit:
www.AlbertaCanada.com/ainp